

FRENCH BORDER NOW SCENE OF BLOODIEST BATTLE YET

dead officers' pockets raw potatoes were found, while the soldiers are said to have dug up untimely turnips and beets to eat.

A party of French dragoons while reconnoitring came upon a strong detachment of Uhlans, whom they attacked and cut to pieces, killing fifty of them.

A party of 600 German prisoners arrived to-day at Ath in the province of Hainaut. Military authorities estimate the German forces at seventeen army corps of more than 1,000,000 men, extending in a line 180 miles long. The gun strength is said to be about 4,000 cannon—field, siege and howitzers—and 1,200 machine guns.

German Advance to Namur Checked

BRUSSELS, Aug. 13 (By United Press).—It was officially announced this afternoon that the German advance toward Namur has been checked by the Belgian-French forces at Eghezee.

The War Office claims that the German losses are enormous, and that the Belgians have captured several latest model German machine guns mounted on automobile trucks.

It is stated that the Belgian forces did not wait for the Germans to attack but took the offensive, and in a series of terrific charges drove the German advance back upon the reserves.

The Belgian cavalry assisted by infantry and protected by artillery moved so rapidly that the German plans were completely upset. The accurate knowledge of the ground proved of inestimable value to the Belgian commanding officers.

[The above news is verified by an Associated Press despatch from Brussels which says: "A Belgian official communication to-day says that a German force proceeding in the direction of Eghezee to the north of Namur was attacked and repulsed this morning by the Belgian troops. The Germans suffered severe casualties. The Belgians captured a number of machine guns mounted on motor cars."]

Following a night of terror in which German forces attempted to break through the Belgian-French front it was announced to-day that the "Belgian positions are maintained."

The fighting at a dozen points has been of the fiercest character. The losses are enormous, although it is admitted by war officials that the German assault on the Belgian positions, where the French and Belgians are fighting shoulder to shoulder, has only been begun.

Liege still holds out, according to the War Office, but the bombardment with siege guns continues. A night assault in force on the upper forts was beaten off.

The Germans have bridged the Meuse and are moving their crack artillery against the Belgian lines. The War Office refuses all information regarding the situation at Namur, where it is believed a battle is in progress.

Military observers at the front declare that the German artillery is much inferior to the French. The French battery corps appear to be more familiar with their guns and the guns themselves appear more efficient.

Germans Continue Their Mass Formation

Although the details of the fighting are withheld, it is claimed that the Germans are continuing their mass formation tactics, which has enabled the Belgian and French troops to beat back every attack initiated through the use of the machine guns. And because of the use of them the losses have been very heavy.

It is stated that in the opening skirmish at Tirlemont 250 Germans were killed in the first few minutes of fighting. Belgian and German lancers charged directly against each other, and in the hand to hand fighting many were killed and wounded. Count van der Burch was among those killed here.

The German attack was intended as a surprise, but the Belgian aviators had reported the activity of the Germans and the staff had prepared for the assault.

The result was that when the German cavalry advance moved against the point selected for attack, instead of finding a small Belgian force, they found the French-Belgian army massed and the Germans galloped into a trap.

The Belgian and French forces, instead of remaining on the defensive, met the German attack more than half way. The troops fought even better in the open country than they have in the fortifications and the German assault was completely beaten off.

Additional details of yesterday's battle at Diest and Haelen were made public to-night. The attack on the Belgian barricades was of the most savage character, the German officers encouraging their men and pressing them forward in the face of almost certain death.

One description of the scene says that men and horses fell like flies entangled in the barbed wire entanglements that had been erected by the Belgians. Only a remnant of the German force was intact when the command to retreat was sounded.

The War Office description of the retreat says that the Germans fell back toward Tongres in a "disorderly rout."

French Claim Victory at Spincourt

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The War Office says that the French army operating in the vicinity of Spincourt after being forced back by a superior German force was reinforced, assumed the offensive, and drove the Germans back on their main advanced base with very heavy loss.

The French broke the German lines, the report says, by a fierce bayonet charge which penetrated the German front. The hand to hand fighting was severe. One entire German battery is claimed to have been destroyed and several of the guns actually captured at the point of the bayonet. The fighting continues near this point.

The first German prisoners passed through Paris to-day on their way to Poitiers. The men were mostly Uhlans. The trains conveying them passed round the city on the belt railroad so that few of the general public saw them.

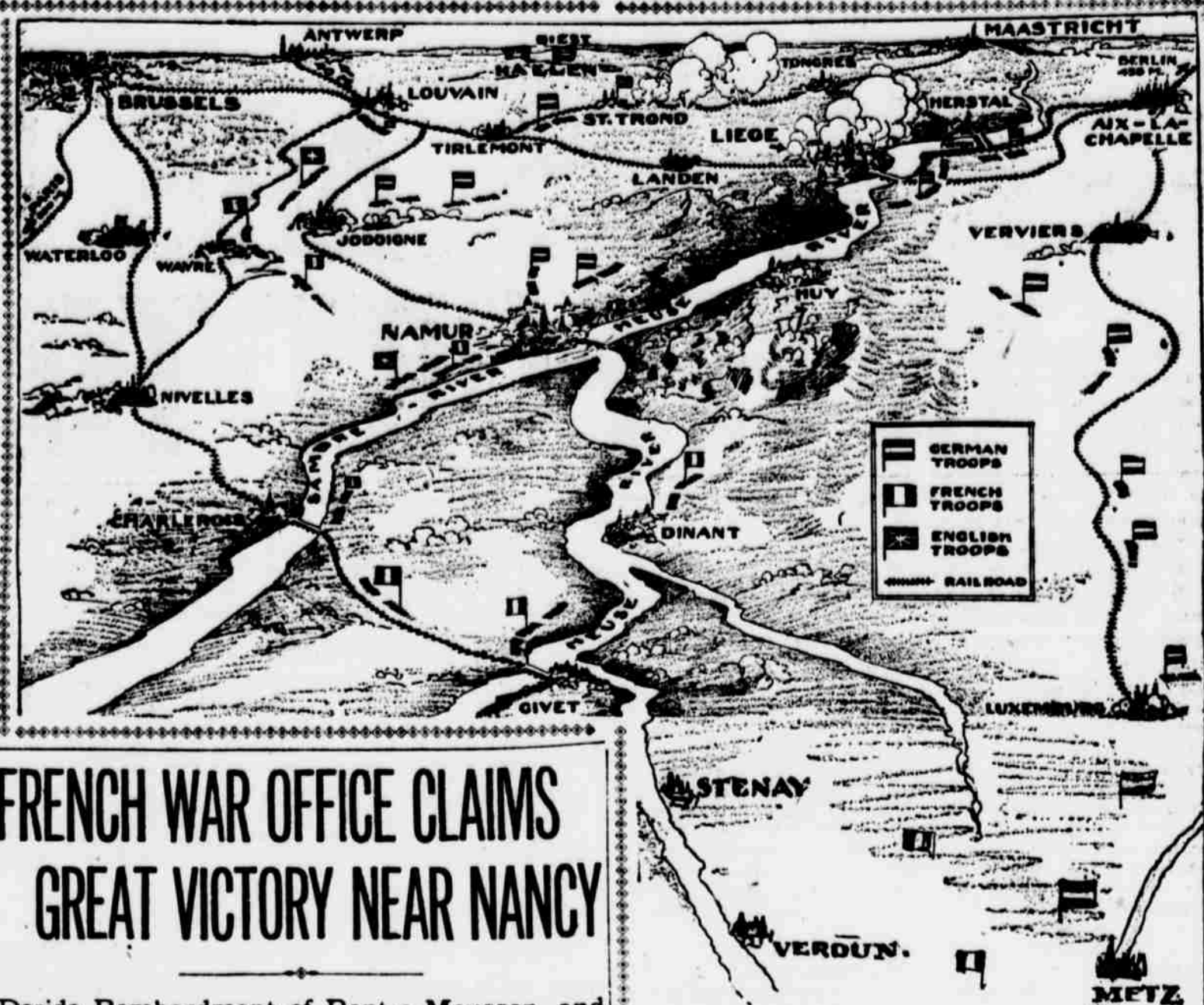
LONDON, Aug. 13.—Orders were to-day flashed to the British fleet in the Mediterranean to strike against the Austrians. The orders as sent out from the Admiralty announced that a state of war with Austria has existed since midnight.

The British Admiral commanding in the Mediterranean was therefore ordered to proceed against the Austrians at once. The Austrian fleet is believed to be lying off its naval base in the Adriatic.

While details of the present strength of the Mediterranean fleet are withheld, it is known that when war broke out there were three of the first class battle cruisers and several armored cruisers and accompanying destroyers at the Mediterranean naval base.

They have been in pursuit of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, and are now probably near the Austrian coast where the French fleet is also understood to be.

WHERE THE BIG BATTLES ARE NOW BEING FOUGHT



FRENCH WAR OFFICE CLAIMS GREAT VICTORY NEAR NANCY

Deride Bombardment of Pont-a-Mousson, and Declare German Artillery Is Inferior—Tells of Destruction of Regiment.

PARIS, Aug. 13 (By Associated Press).—An official report of the fighting between the French and Germans in the vicinity of Pont-a-Mousson, north of Nancy, issued to-day says: "The fighting which started on Aug. 11 was continued on Aug. 12 under thrilling conditions for the French. It may be summed up as follows: "The first phase was an attack on two French battalions by German forces greatly superior in number. The two French battalions fell back, but, being reinforced during the night, assumed the offensive, well supported by artillery. "This counter attack caused the Germans to retreat precipitately, leaving behind them a large number of killed, wounded and prisoners. "The Germans abandoned a battery of artillery, three machine guns and several wagon loads of ammunition. "The French troops followed up their advantages and on Wednesday

a French battery surprised the twenty-first Baden Dragoon regiment, the men were dismounted. In a few minutes the regiment was destroyed. "The effect of this double success was immediately perceptible. Not only was the forward movement of the German troops stopped, but their columns fell back, closely followed by the French. In the course of this pursuit the French found on a hill and in neighboring villages many German soldiers who had been wounded in the fight on Aug. 11. "Nine German officers and 1,000 wounded men fell into the French hands as prisoners. "The poor quality of the projectiles used by the German heavy artillery was convincingly demonstrated during the bombardment of Pont-a-Mousson. More than one hundred shells, containing enormous charges of explosives, weighing altogether 220 pounds each, were fired from a battery of 21 centimetre mortars at a distance of about 6 1/2 miles. The total result of this avalanche of iron explosives was four killed and twelve wounded in the town."

BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA BREAKS SHAFT AT SEA

Conveyed by the Texas, She Heads to Norfolk for Repairs—Was On Way to Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The battleship Louisiana, en route to Guantanamo from Vera Cruz, has broken her port propeller shaft. The battleship Texas will convey her to the Norfolk navy yard, after which the Texas will go to New York. The battleships Virginia and New Jersey have been ordered to Guantanamo from Vera Cruz and will stand by awaiting developments in the Dominican Republic and Hayti.

AMERICANS IN ENGLAND ARE NOT IN POVERTY, COMMITTEE REPORTS.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Herbert C. Hoover of California, the Chairman of the committee, said to-day there were not more than 30,000 Americans in England at the present moment who were desirous of returning home. "Fully 75 per cent. of these," he said, "are able under the conditions now prevailing to finance themselves and only 1 per cent. of the Americans in England in reality are stranded. "The committee's fund is more than amply taking care of the destitute Americans and it is his belief that not more than 25,000 or 30,000 of Government money will be required to provide for them. "The position of Americans on the Continent," Mr. Hoover continued, "is different, a large proportion of them being students or others of minor resources. When they are able to escape from the war territory they will be virtually destitute both of cash and credit. The committee, however, does not believe that these will exceed 10,000 and the number may turn out to be much smaller."

FOUR WINNIPEG REGIMENTS AND BATTERY OF ARTILLERY ARE ORDERED TO THE WAR.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 13.—Four Winnipeg infantry regiments have been ordered to war. They will leave Monday night for the mobilization field near Quebec. The Winnipeg battery of artillery, which saw action at the relief of Joliffe, has also been ordered to the front.

WILL CHARTER SIX SHIPS TO BRING BACK TOURISTS FROM EUROPEAN WAR ZONE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Immediate charter of six vessels to go to Europe for Americans was agreed upon to-day by Secretary McAdoo, Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels and Assistant Secretary Phillips of the State Department. They will carry 5,000 passengers at as reasonable rates of passage as possible. Secretary McAdoo made this statement: "It was estimated that it would take but three weeks to provision and otherwise equip the ships for this service and to get them to Europe. They will take care of about 5,000 persons. It has not been determined what points these vessels will touch in Europe. They will go to those places where it may be later deemed the greatest relief possible may be afforded to Americans."

The Panama Railroad steamship Christobel was to-day taken over by the Government and will be fitted out to be sent to Europe to bring back stranded Americans. The Christobel, now at Pier 52, North River, is a 12,000-ton vessel and well suited for the purpose. The army quartermaster department will have charge of the vessel.

FRENCH PAPERS SEEKING CANADIAN PRINT PAPER, COMMISSIONER CABLES.

OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—The newspapers of France are suffering from a paper famine. The following cablegram was received to-day by the Department of Trade and Commerce from Philip Roy, the Canadian Commissioner-General in Paris: "Large Bordeaux newspaper, with daily circulation of 150,000, is willing to purchase 25,000 sheets of print paper about 16 inches long. Have or British port."

LONDON DESPATCH SAYS GERMAN TROOPS HAVE SHOT MAYOR OF FRENCH TOWN.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A telegram from Paris to the Central News says the German troops to-day shot the Mayor of Igney, a village between Lunelville and Avricourt on the Franco-German frontier.

NORDICA'S HUSBAND WON'T FILE HER WILL, SURROGATE IS TOLD

Leaves Bulk of Estate to Sisters—E. Romaine Simmons Gets \$30,000.

A copy of the will of Lillian Nordica Young, who died at the Torres Strait Hospital at Thursday Island, Australia, on May 10, was filed for probate in the Surrogate's Court to-day by Robert S. Baldwin, one of the executors. Mr. Baldwin also filed a petition reciting that "the original will is in the possession of George W. Young, the husband of the decedent, or his attorney, John C. Tomlinson, and although the same has been duly demanded of them, they have declined to file the said will or hand the same to petitioner." He asked for an order to compel Mr. Young and Mr. Tomlinson to produce the original will in the Surrogate's Court. The will provides that the three sisters of the decedent, Imogene Castello of Los Angeles, Annie Baldwin of Boston, Mass., and Irene Walker of Boston, shall receive equally the residue of the estate of the decedent. To Maria Masino, named in the will as a faithful servant, was bequeathed \$5,000. To Mrs. Ada Baldwin was given \$1,000, and to E. Romaine Simmons \$30,000. The real property named in the will consists of a farm called Norton Woods, near Farrington, Me.; some property at Ardley-on-Hudson; two houses at No. 4 West Ninth street, New York City; forty acres at Harmon-on-Hudson; property at Deal Beach, N. J., and property in Los Angeles. Regarding her bequest to her husband, George Young, the decedent states in her will: "In the distribution of my property I am not forgetful of my husband, George W. Young, whom I have advanced over \$400,000 in cash, which I estimate as the full or more than full share to which he might be entitled in my estate. It is

CITIZENS OF HALIFAX COAL CRUISER SUFFOLK SO FIGHTERS MAY REST.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 13.—Halifax citizens of all classes are showing their patriotism to-day by voluntarily coaling the British cruiser Suffolk, which arrived in port early this afternoon. It is estimated that the work will take ten hours. The crew of the Mauretania, 200 men from the Sixty-third Regiment and hundreds of citizens have volunteered for the job. The crew of the cruiser will consequently be able to enjoy a much needed rest. The Suffolk steamed up the harbor, her white ensign at the fore, her band playing and her crew lining the rail. Her progress was marked by the cheers of 20,000 persons, who had assembled on the waterfront, and the blowing of whistles by all the steamers in port.

GOVERNMENT TO CENSOR ENGLISH AND FRENCH CABLES LIKE WIRELESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—It has been decided to impose the same censorship on French and English cables as is now imposed upon German-owned wireless stations at Sayville, L. I., and Tucker, N. J.

STEAMERS TO DENMARK AND HOLLAND CONTINUE TO PORTS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The Admiralty announces that steamship service between Hull and Copenhagen and Rotterdam has been resumed and that a Danish steamer landed American refugees from Copenhagen at Hull to-day. Auto Truck Kills Boy. John McDonald, fourteen years old, of No. 268 Tenth avenue, while crossing in front of No. 338 West Twenty-seventh street to-day, was run over and killed by an automobile delivery truck owned by the Westcott Express Company and operated by James Fay. The boy died before the arrival of Dr. Murray of the New York Hospital.

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